

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 20, 2014**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn and Diana Broomell; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; Jason Allison, County Attorney; James Massey, Council Manager; Teri Birney, Council Assistant ; members of the press; and members of the public. Vice President McCarthy arrived at 10:07 a.m.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – President Hodge called the meeting to order.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the work session minutes of May 13, 2014. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

Approval of letter – Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project

The Council reviewed a draft letter regarding the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Project. On a motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn the Council moved to revise paragraph 5, to include after sentence 4, “Currently the County Council is in opposition to the site”. Discussion and comments ensued. Motion failed by a vote of 2 to 2.

Approval of letter – MARC layover facility

The Council reviewed a draft letter expressing their concerns regarding the MARC layover facility. Discussion and comments ensued. By general consensus the Council agreed to revise paragraph 1, sentence 1, as follows: “The County Council of Cecil County is opposed to the proposed site of the MARC layover facility on Principio Furnace Road near Perryville”.

Approval of letter – Clean Water Act – Waters of the US

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve the Clean Water Act letter. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval – Relocation of Council Session on June 17, 2014 due to Early Voting

Council Manager Massey led a discussion regarding relocating the Council meetings for June 17, 2014 to the Town Hall in Elkton, due to the use of the Elk Room for Early Voting.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to relocate the June 17, 2014 Council meetings to the Town Hall in Elkton. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

Proposal – Discount Plan on 3rd Axle on Hatem Bridge

Councilwoman Broomell led a discussion regarding the proposed discount plan of 3rd axles on the Hatem Bridge. Discussion ensued. By general consensus the Council agreed to revise the resolution to include discounts for three, four, and five axles. The revised resolution will be introduced at tonight's legislative session.

Proposal – Substance Abuse Plan

Councilwoman Broomell led a discussion with the Council regarding her proposed alternative substance abuse plan. Discussion ensued.

Councilwoman Broomell agreed to draft a letter for the Council's consideration to request data from the State regarding substance abuse treatment effectiveness. This item will be on the next work session agenda for discussion.

Discussion – Proposed Budget

The Council reviewed the proposed amendments for the budget. Council Members were asked about any additional proposals. Discussion and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

The Council reviewed the legislative agenda for May 20, 2014. Discussion and comments ensued.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded the Council of the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on May 21 and the Cecil Leadership Graduation dinner on May 28.

Diane Ratcliff from MTA will be updating the Council regarding the MARC layover facility on June 3. Aberdeen Proving Ground personnel will make a presentation about JLENS at the Council work session on June 10.

Council Member Items

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Bowsbey toured Calvert Elementary, Gilpin Manor Elementary, Chesapeake City Elementary, and Leeds Elementary. On May 18 she attended the Cecil College graduation.

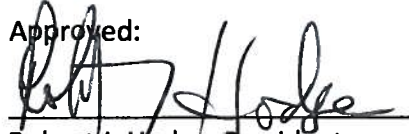
Councilwoman Broomell commented that her brother-in-law graduated from Cecil College on May 18. Ms. Broomell informed the Council and public of the clean up schedule for Tome School at Bainbridge. She requested feedback from the County Executive office if she supports the EMS advisory recommendation that two EMT's are mandated for each ambulance call. Kevin Howe, a concerned citizen has been corresponding with Diane Ratcliff of MTA, regarding the location of the MARC layover facility. She will be attending the MACO Substance Abuse Summit June 12 at Cecil College. Ms. Broomell commented on the Health Department cutting back on beach sampling.

Council President Hodge reminded the Council and the public of the ribbon cuttings at the new salt storage facility at Cherry Hill and the Little Egypt Road Bridge. He also reminded the public that the Council will be holding Citizen's Corner at 6:00 p.m. and the Legislative meeting at 7:00 p.m. tonight.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowlsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

